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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CAREER EDUCATION NEEDS YOUR INPUT

Your input is needed to improve the Career Path icons. As we are developing many new materials for student career awareness and planning, Missouri Career Education is seeking to update and refresh the six Career Path icons. The Career Path icons are typically those used in career awareness materials developed for elementary school students. They often continue to help transition middle school and high school students to exploration through the 16 Career Clusters.

As you can imagine, it is challenging to find a symbol that captures the essence of all the careers within a particular Career Path. With the assistance of the Hughes agency in St. Louis, we offer some new artwork and ask your assistance in helping us identify the symbols that may best convey the general concepts to your students. If you have a way to test the images with some of your elementary students, that would be even more helpful.

Please review these images and share your feedback by February 29.

http://mcce.org/survey3/new/?s_id=12

REMINDER ABOUT WORKSHOPS

Remember that results based workshops are scheduled for **March 8 in Moberly and April 5 in Rolla.**

You can register online through mylearningplan.com.

For first-time users of mylearningplan.com, enter DESE's website at the [Leadership Academy Bulletin Board](http://www.dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/leadership/) (<http://www.dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/leadership/>)

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ABC'S OF CAREER AWARENESS AND EXPLORATION AWARDS RECOGNITION PROGRAM IS COMING UP WITHIN 10 WEEKS.

Please encourage your schools to make application. Here are key activities of the program.

- All applications are submitted to Harry Drier, Consortium Executive Director, 5380 Ocean Dr., #6D, Singer Island, FL 33404
- **Application deadline: April 30, 2008.**
- A panel of state guidance leaders will rate and review all applications. Rating and review of all applications will occur during April.
- National and/or state honorees will be notified by May 30, 2008.
- National and/or state recognition conducted through various media sources May –December 2008.

To learn more about the awards and/or to access the application, please go to:

<http://www.guidanceconsortium.com/projects/TheABCAwardProgram.shtml>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

MOVIP BROCHURE AVAILABLE

A brochure with an overview and updated information about the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program (MOVIP) is now available for you to print and distribute to interested parties by going to

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<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/movip/documents/Movip08-09BrochureFINAL.pdf>

CAREER AWARENESS BROCHURE AVAILABLE

A new awareness piece has been created by Missouri Career Education that can inform and be enjoyed by a wide range of audiences.

Missouri student images and testimonials are featured, as well as many talking points that support the efforts of school counselors. You can view the brochure by going to

http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/documents/MCE_CTEmonth_brochure.pdf

If your school would like to reproduce this brochure and make available to parents, teachers, and others, you can request a print-ready PDF from Michele Clark at michele.clark@dese.mo.gov or call (573) 526-4297.

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

Operation: Military Kids feels that it is important for you to know that 87 of our 114 counties are currently impacted by the Global War on Terror. Additional Missouri deployments are scheduled for early spring that will impact 1000 additional soldiers from units all over the state. According to our Missouri National Guard contact Missouri is currently one of the highest deployment states.

Many of these families already have network systems built to support them during this difficult time yet there are others that are looking for help. Communities need to be prepared to offer assistance when requested.

It is clear that many young people are being negatively impacted by repeated deployments of a parent. If you hear parents or teachers comment that a child is acting out more than usual, is not completing school work or 4-H projects or is just withdrawing please direct them to some of the following sites:

Missouri 4-H <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/military/>

<http://www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=1>

Military One Source <http://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx>

Or they can contact Joan Zeller, (660) 747-3193 or (660) 232-1485 or Mary Jo Williams (573)882-3226

Keep in mind very young children are impacted just as much as older children.

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

PLEASE PASS TO INTERESTED TEACHERS.

DNR Sponsored Field Trips Still Available! The Department of Natural Resources will cover all expenses to take environmental science students to local facilities that are regulated by the DNR! There are lots of options... go to www.dnr.mo.gov, click on "directory" (upper right) and check out the options. Scroll to Field Trips for more information. E-mail Jim Lubbers at Jim.lubbers@dnr.mo.gov if or call him at 800-361-4827 if you have questions!

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. PATHWAYS CONFERENCE FOR those working with students in crisis or at-risk will be held **Mar 2-4, 2008** at Tan Tar A. To see a flyer about the conference, go to

<http://dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/leadership/documents/Pathwsaysflyer.pdf>

B. MSCA SPRING CONFERENCE will be held on **March 7, 2008**, at the Capital Plaza, Jefferson City, MO. Dr. Carolyn Stone, ASCA Past- President and ASCA Ethics Chair, will speak on LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS. To see information about this conference and download a registration form, go to

<http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2008%20SPRING%20CONFERENCE%20Flyer.doc>

C. 2008 MISSOURI ACT STATE ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held on **March 12-13, 2008** at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, Mo. For information about the conference and registration, go to

www.act.org/events

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D. THE 32ND ANNUAL MISSOURI MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (MMSA) CONFERENCE will be held on March 14-16, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort. For information, go to <http://www.mmsa-mo.org/conference.html>

E. WORKSHOPS ON TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION SCHEDULED IN APRIL

These workshops, offered through the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH), will focus on signs, symptoms and the treatment of depression in youth, reducing stigma and how to ACT (acknowledge, care and tell). **Rebecca Musgrave, MA**, the Program Director for Dexter Community Regional Healthcare Foundation – Suicide Prevention Resource Center will present this half-day workshop. Dates and locations are:

April 3, 2008, Kansas City, MO - Embassy Suites Hotel April 4, 2008, Hannibal, MO - Quality Inn & Suites

April 8, 2008, Cape Girardeau, MO - Drury Lodge Registration Fee: \$99.00 To register online, go to <http://www.mimhtraining.com/liveconferences/2007/10/10/teen-suicide-prevention-act-now-2/>

SAVE THE DATE:

“Show Me You Care About Suicide Prevention” Jefferson City, MO, July 14, 2008

The third annual Missouri Suicide Prevention Conference, *Show Me You Care About Suicide Prevention*, will be held on Monday, July 14, 2008 in Jefferson City, Missouri. Watch for additional information coming soon

Details about this and other upcoming events related to suicide prevention will also be posted online at:

www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/calendar.htm